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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Transfer of GMDS and SDS to CIG

1. Attached is a file of papers on the same subject which were used as a basis of discussion at a meeting held on 11 April. The following attended: Colonel Shannon, [REDACTED]

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2. A general discussion was held as to the functions of SDS and GMDS and how these functions could be transferred to CIG. It was brought out that GMDS is basically a document function and is an Office of Operations' problem with the possible exception of the maintenance of the GMDS intelligence catalogs.

3. SDS is at present carrying on three separate projects:

a. The preparation of studies on:

- (1) Atomic Energy;
- (2) Industrial Plants;
- (3) Transportation, including Railways and Waterways; and
- (4) Telecommunications, etc.

These studies are being conducted by language personnel using documents as the source of information from which they prepare the subject studies. The process combines partial translation with evaluation and interpretation and therefore infringes on the research field.

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b. The translation from German or Russian documents Information (Intelligence?) on the Economic potential of the USSR. This is done in the same manner as a above.

c. Preparation of industrial card files on Russian Plants. This process consists of translation ~~of direct~~ from documents certain information which is put directly in

English on the cards in an agreed form. In addition to this the same ^{type of} cards are used by State, War, Navy and [REDACTED] to record information ^{from all sources} which ^{are} then sent to SDS for duplication and dissemination to all agencies participating. It was stated that no attempt is made to evaluate and interpret the cards so as to come out with a master card.

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4. The following points were agreed upon:

a. SDS should be transferred at this time to OO in its entirety.

b. The functions performed under 3a and b above should be continued by SDS under OO control.

c. The ICF of SDS should continue as at present with the addition that ICF shall furnish one copy of each card to the Reference Branch. The Reference Branch using machine techniques will record the information with the eventual aim of showing all agencies that individual complete card files of the nature now being kept are not required.

5. ~~Personnel~~ [★] Assistance required by the Reference Branch of

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SDS will be arranged for between OO and ORE on an agreed upon basis with the understanding that since SDS personnel are basically language specialists ^{any personnel} ~~their~~ services will either be on a loan or detail basis.

6. When SDS comes under CIG it will be necessary to direct requests on it for document studies through OCD. Therefore, OCD should be included in any further discussion on this problem.

7. The next step required is a meeting of the Planners of OO, OCD and ORE so that a detailed plan can be prepared showing the immediate delineation of SDS functions within CIG and also indicating the eventual goal for SDS operations.

OO is working on a draft for use as a point of discussion and will call a meeting when it is prepared.

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